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SUBJECT: SHOOTING OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS PLANE

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1. AS A RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION CARRIED OUT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS AND THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT THE SHOTS THAT HIT THE SAA PLANE ON APRIL 7 WERE FIRED BY MPLA TROOPS.

2. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSULATE, ABOUT 150 MPLA TROOPS HAD BEEN BROUGHT DOWN FROM CABINDA SHORTLY BEFORE THE SHOOTING AND WERE BIVOUACKED IN THE BULL RING, WHICH IS IN THE APPROACH PATTERN TO THE AIRPORT. WHEN SHOOTING ERUPTED THE NIGHT OF APRIL 7 THE TROOPS BECAME FRIGHTENED AND FIRED AT THE PLANE AS IT WENT OVERHEAD. THE MORTAR ROUNDS AND ROCKETS THAT WERE SEEN AT THE SAME TIME APPARENTLY CAME FROM A PORTUGUESE ARMY ENGINEER CAMP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND WERE DIRECTED AT A NEARBY GHETTO.

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